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--25. An immunogenic polypeptide, comprising a self IgE portion and a non-self IgE portion, wherein said immunogenic polypeptide is effective to induce an anti-self IgE response in a mammal, wherein said self IgE portion comprises at least a portion of a CH3 domain of IgE, and wherein said immunogenic polypeptide lacks a CH1 domain of IgE.

26. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 25, wherein said mammal is a human.

727. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 26, wherein said non-self IgE portion comprises an IgE sequence present in a non-placental mammal.

28. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 27, wherein said non-placental mammal is selected from the group consisting of opossum, platypus, koala, kangaroo, wallaby, and wombat.

- 29. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 25, wherein said polypeptide is capable of dimerizing to form a soluble immunogenic dimer effective to induce said anti-self IgE response in said mammal.
- 30. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 25, wherein said non-self IgE portion comprises a first region and a second region, said self IgE portion being located between said first and second regions of said non-self IgE portion.

The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 30, wherein said first region comprises at least a portion of an IgE CH2 domain.

- 32. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 30, wherein said second region comprises at least a portion of an IgE CH4 domain.
- 33. An immunogenic polypeptide, comprising a self IgE portion and a non-self IgE portion, wherein said immunogenic polypeptide is effective to induce an anti-self IgE response in a

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mammal, and wherein said self IgE portion consists essentially of an N-terminal portion of a CH3 domain of IgE.

34. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 33, wherein said mammal is a human.

35. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 34, wherein said non-self IgE portion comprises an IgE sequence present in a non-placental mammal.

- 36. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 35, wherein said non-placental mammal is selected from the group consisting of opossum, platypus, koala, kangaroo, wallaby, and wombat.
- 37. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 33, wherein said polypeptide is capable of dimerizing to form a soluble immunogenic dimer effective to induce said anti-self IgE response in said mammal.
- 38. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 33, wherein said non-self IgE portion comprises a first region and a second region, said self IgE portion being located between said first and second regions of said non-self IgE portion.
- 39. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 38, wherein said first region comprises at least a portion of an IgE CH2 domain.
- 40. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 38, wherein said second region comprises at least a portion of an IgE CH4 domain.
- 41. An immunogenic polypeptide, comprising a self IgE portion and a non-self IgE portion, wherein said immunogenic polypeptide is effective to induce an anti-self IgE response in a mammal, and wherein said non-self IgE portion comprises an IgE sequence present in a non-placental mammal.

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42. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 41, wherein said mammal is a human.

- 43. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 41, wherein said non-placental mammal is selected from the group consisting of opossum, platypus, koala, kangaroo, wallaby, and wombat.
- 44. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 41, wherein said polypeptide is capable of dimerizing to form a soluble immunogenic dimer effective to induce said anti-self IgE response in said mammal.

The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 41, wherein said non-self IgE portion comprises a first region and a second region, said self IgE portion being located between said first and second regions of said non-self IgE portion.

- 46. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 45, wherein said first region comprises at least a portion of an IgE CH2 domain.
- 47. The immunogenic polypeptide of claim 45, wherein said second region comprises at least a portion of an IgE CH4 domain.
- 48. A polypeptide, comprising a self IgE portion and a non-self IgE portion, wherein said polypeptide lacks light chain Ig sequences and is effective to induce an anti-self IgE response in a mammal, wherein said self IgE portion comprises at least a portion of a CH3 domain of IgE.
- 49. The polypeptide of claim 48, wherein said mammal is a human.

50. The polypeptide of claim 49, wherein said non-self IgE portion comprises an IgE sequence present in a non-placental mammal.

51. The polypeptide of claim 50, wherein said non-placental mammal is selected from the group consisting of opossum, platypus, koala, kangaroo, wallaby, and wombat.

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The polypeptide of claim 48, wherein said non-self IgE portion comprises a first region and a second region, said self IgE portion being located between said first and second regions of said non-self IgE portion.

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- 53. The polypeptide of claim 52, wherein said first region comprises at least a portion of an IgE CH2 domain.
- 54. The polypeptide of claim 52, wherein said second region comprises at least a portion of an IgE CH4 domain.--